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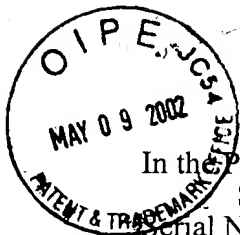
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This communication is filed in response to the Office Action November 6, 2001 in the above-identified application, and is accompanied by a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time. Please amend this application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

C1 1. (twice amended) A method for treating a hydrogel biomaterial comprising contacting the surface of said hydrogel biomaterial with a cationic polysaccharide to inhibit the ability of the hydrogel biomaterial to sorb cationic antimicrobials.

Please cancel ~~claim~~ 8.

Please add the following new claim:

C2 -- 23. The method of claim 6 wherein the cationic charge on the cationic polysaccharide is derived from at least one selected from the group consisting of ammonium groups, quaternary ammonium groups, sulfonium groups, and phosphonium groups. —

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